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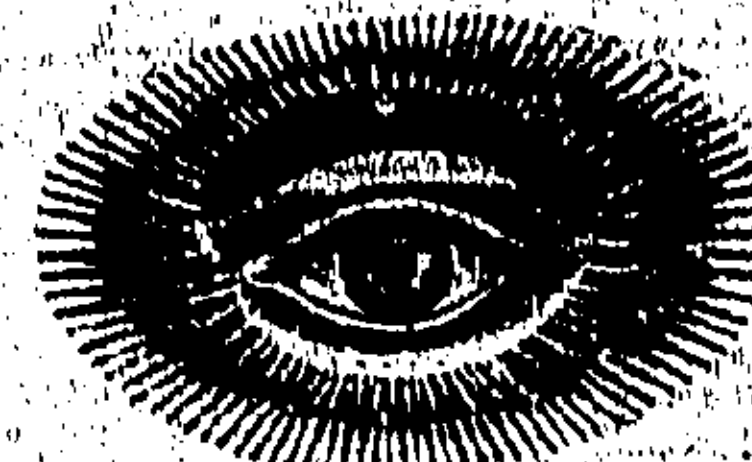
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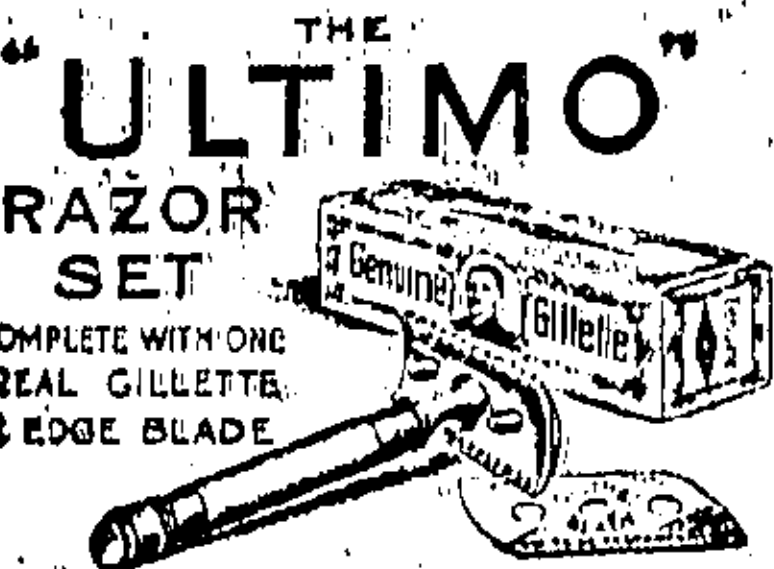
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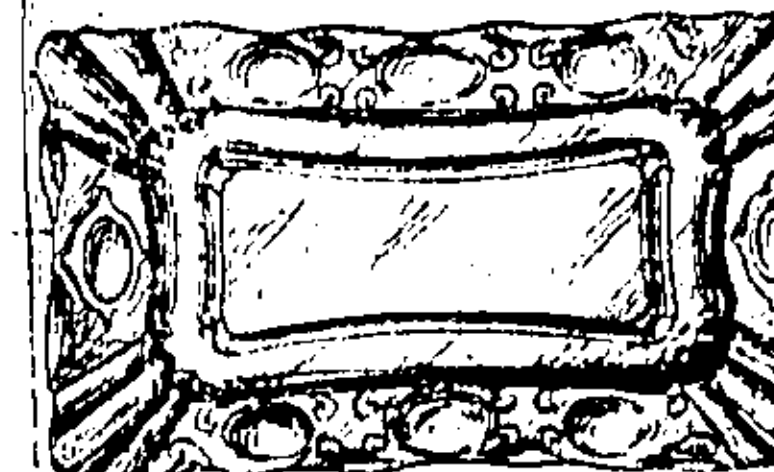
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BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE MADE CLEAR.

Concession to be Retained.

"NOT THE SLIGHTEST INTENTION OF GIVING IT UP."

Britain has not the slightest intention of giving up the Concession at Hankow, according to a Reuter cable from London.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

Concession to be Retained.

London, Jan. 11.

Reuter learns that according to official telegrams from various parts of China, there appears to be a lull in the situation.

It is evident that Mr. Eugene Chen, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, is anxious for the banks to re-open and for business to resume its normal course. The Cantonese are short of money.

It is pointed out that the British have never withdrawn from Hankow, but the position at Kiukiang is somewhat different, as the authorities there were subordinates and did not possess the same authority as Mr. Chen at Hankow. There is not the slightest intention of giving up the Concession.

Recognition?

Mr. Chen hitherto has apparently carried out his promises, as he has a fairly substantial measure of control.

If the Cantonese are able to restore order at Hankow they can perhaps establish a government with which it will be possible to have relations.

Mr. O'Malley, the British Charge d'Affaires at Peking, is expected to arrive at Hankow today to commence conversation with Mr. Chen.

Mr. O'Malley represents Sir Miles Lampson with the Cantonese and he has the fullest instructions from London and Peking.—Reuter.

NAVY NEWS.

Mr. O'Malley at Hankow.

A few women and children were evacuated from Chungking yesterday and missionaries have been sent in from outlying districts.

In Changsha, the threatened seamen's strike has commenced and a general strike and boycott is threatened as from to-morrow. Looting by soldiers off duty is reported from Kiukiang.

Mr. O'Malley arrived at Hankow yesterday and the local inhabitants have been informed of this and instructed to keep order and respect foreigners and their property during the discussions.

According to a message from the "Cicala," the military Governor of Wuchow states that La-hou troubles are well in hand. There is no sign of anti-foreign feeling in the province.

According to a message from Ichang, the situation there remains quiet.—Naval Wireless.

NAVAL STRENGTH.

15 Warships in River.

As far as can be learnt, on January 2 there were 15 warships anchored in the river off Hankow. They include the British destroyer "Woolston," the sloop "Magnolia" and the gunboat "Bee." The others are the American destroyers "Truxton" and "Pope," the gunboats "Isabel," "Pigeon" and "Palos," four Japanese gunboats, "Saga," "Katata," "Sumida" and "Urakaze," the French gunboats "Algo" and "Bainy" and the Italian gunboat "Sebastiano Caboto."

The two British cruisers "Orestes" and "Vindictive" and the destroyer "Wishart" despatched from Hong Kong were expected to arrive off Woosung on Jan. 7, but will not proceed to Hankow owing to the low water. Instead, they will relieve other smaller ships at stations lower down the river and it is expected that they will send reinforcements up to Hankow.

BACK TO CANTON.

Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. T. V. Soong Returning.

Canton, Jan. 11.
It is reported that the Ministry of Finance and the Canton Municipality have both received telegraphic advices from Wuhan, stating that Mr. Sun Fo (Minister of Communications) and Mr. T. V. Soong (Minister of Finance) are returning to Canton by aeroplane in a few days to settle certain affairs.

NEWS FROM HOME.

Naval Forces in China.

Home papers just received contain the following items:—
Mr. Bridgman, First Lord of the Admiralty, (Oswestry), replying to Rear-Admiral Suter (Hertford, U.), said:—The China Squadron was based on Hong Kong, where there were ample facilities for docking H.M. ships. He also stated that the air resources at the disposal of the British naval Commander-in-Chief on the China station were considered adequate.

No Intervention.
Dec. 9.—Sir F. Hall (Dulwich, U.) asked the Prime Minister if he would state whether the pronouncement by the British Minister to China that there could be no question of intervention by Great Britain in the internal affairs of China was made on the instructions of the Government.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who replied, said H.M. Government had no intention of interfering with the domestic concerns of China. Sir F. Hall asked whether adequate steps would be taken to protect the lives of British people and also for the maintenance of our trade in China. Mr. Locker-Lampson: My right hon. friend (Sir A. Chamberlain) has made it quite clear that we shall take all possible steps to safeguard the lives and rights of British subjects. Captain W. Benn: Does the Government share in the opinion of Lord Inchcape that the root of the trouble is the spread of Christianity? (Laughter.) No answer was given.

Hankow.
Dec. 13.—Mr. Locker-Lampson, answering Sir H. Brittain (Acton, U.), said: The position at Hankow remains generally as stated in the reply given to my hon. friend, the member for Cardiff. East, on the 6th inst. No further reports of anti-British agitation have been received. As the House is aware, Mr. Lampson is now at Hankow, and is examining the whole situation.

Sir H. Brittain asked whether action was being taken to counter the pernicious propaganda against British interests.

Mr. Locker-Lampson: That really does not arise out of the question.

British Policy in China.
Sir F. Hall (Dulwich, U.) asked whether, in view of the use which had been made for propaganda purposes of unauthorised statements as to the Government's policy in regard to China, an opportunity could be given for a discussion on the subject before the House rose.

Mr. Baldwin: I do not know exactly to what statements my hon. and gallant friend refers. In any case, I am afraid it will not be possible to find time for a discussion.

Sir F. Hall: Does the Prime Minister recognise the fact, as indicated in the question, that statements have been made by unauthorised persons connected with this House with regard to the propaganda and the action of the Government, and does not he think that some steps should be

LATEST NEWS.

Attempt to Intimidate
Mr. O'Malley.

FRESH AGITATION BEGINS.

Hankow, Jan. 11.
Agitators are again active. Posters are appearing everywhere, "Down with Imperialism." The move is construed as an attempt to intimidate Mr. O'Malley, who arrived to-day to enter into negotiations over the Concession. H.M.S. "Wyvern" and H.M.S. "Verity" arrived this morning. The flag at the British Consulate, which has not been flown since the taking over of the Concession was re-hoisted this morning.

The general position is the same as yesterday.
General Chang Kai-shek is arriving at Wuchang—across the river from Hankow—tomorrow where a big demonstration of welcome has been arranged.

He will go to Hankow to address a meeting at the Chinese race-course on January 13. The Chinese authorities have ordered a two days' holiday to celebrate his arrival.

A wireless message from Hankow states that the Chinese authorities have instructed the local inhabitants to keep order and not to molest foreigners or their property during the discussions with Mr. O'Malley.

A message from Kiukiang says that there has been a little more looting by the soldiers off duty.

A message from Changsha states that the seamen's strike commenced on Monday and a general anti-foreign strike and boycott are to be declared on Jan. 14.—Reuter.

taken in order that it might be inquired into, and the feeling of the House ascertained as to whether they are correct or not.

Mr. Baldwin: There is a great deal to be said for that, but the hon. member knows how difficult it is to find time now; but he also knows that if we were to devote the time of Parliament to correcting unauthorised expressions of opinion, we should have nothing else to do. (Laughter.)

Captain W. Benn (Leith, L.): Does the hon. and gallant member refer to the speeches of Lord Birkenhead and his associates? (Laughter.)

Sir F. Hall: Oh, no; I was not. (Laughter.)

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Admirals At Shanghai.

Rugby, Jan. 11.
Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, commanding the British ships of the China station, reached Shanghai yesterday on the "Despatch."

Admiral Williams, of the United States Navy, is expected at Shanghai from the Philippines in the cruiser "Pittsburg" to join the other United States forces.

The French, Italian and Japanese Navies also have vessels at the mouth of the Yangtze.—British Wireless Service.

Shanghai Statement Approved.
Peking, Jan. 11.
The British community generally heartily welcomes the Shanghai Council's statement, and also cordially approves the decision by Hankow firms and banks not to open till a clear understanding of the position and safeguards be received.—Reuter.

Marines at Manila.
Manila, Jan. 11.
Marine officers at Cavite understand that the Guam contingent is sailing to Shanghai aboard the "Huron" which has been held there since Dec. 7.

No orders have been received at Cavite, where 182 Marines are stationed.—Reuter.

Preparing to Advance.
Shanghai, Jan. 11.
General Cheng Tsun-chang has ordered his troops at Pengfu and Hsuehew to be ready for a general advance against the "Reds."—Reuter.

SINGAPORE COMMENT.
Rattling the British.
It is plain from the Hankow news to-day that the Southern Party, or some section of it, is trying very hard to provoke the (Continued on page 12.)

JUNKS SEIZED.

Launch As Pirate
Craft.

LOCAL MERCHANTS' LOSSES.

Two reports handed in at Central Police station during the past twenty-four hours indicate that there is reason to believe that a steam launch is actively engaged in the piracy of Chinese junks trading between the Colony and Macao.

The part owner of a valuable junk has reported that his craft, valued at \$8,000, which left Hong Kong on January 2, bound for Macao with a cargo valued at \$400, has not been seen or heard of since sailing from the Colony.

Another report to hand this morning states that at 3.30 p.m. on January 9, a junk carrying cargo valued at \$1,200 left Hong Kong for the same destination. When off Lintin Island a launch was sighted, but nothing untoward happened until the launch was about five hundred yards away from the junk, when the crew of the latter were ordered to lower their sails, shots being fired across her bows.

The junk was taken into tow with two others and sailed in the direction of Shekwan Bay, arriving there at mid-night on the 10th inst.

When near the shore, a fold—the man who lodged the report with the Police—jumped overboard and managed to reach land in safety.

Arriving at Nantao, he shipped to Hong Kong, proceeding at once to the Central Police Station.

It is understood that in addition to the man who managed to make good his escape, there were seven other men on board the junk at the time of the capture.

OUT OF WORK.

THREE MORE POLICE COURT
CASES.

STOWAWAY'S PREDICAMENT

When Eugene Kinkladze was again brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, Det. Sgt. Elston informed the Court that inquiries had revealed the fact that the defendant had stowed away on the "Pres. Hayes" from Shanghai. Upon that vessel's arrival in Hong Kong he had transhipped to the "Changte," but was found by immigration officials at Thursday Island and sent back to Hong Kong. He was a fit man, but no work could be found for him in Hong Kong because he had no papers.

In reply to his Worship, defendant said that he had a brother and a cousin living in Sydney. It was impossible for him to obtain work in Shanghai, there being 8,000 men in a similar predicament in the Northern port.

His Worship ordered the man to be sent to the House of Detention pending being sent back to Shanghai.

Another Case.
A Tamil named Keramat was the next man brought before the Bench. Sgt. Elston informed Mr. Schofield that the man, a trimmer, had deserted from the s.s. "City of Winnipeg," but that the Harbour Master had agreed to find him a ship sailing for India within the next few days.—Remanded in Police custody.

Missionary's Son.
George Sansor, stated to be a British subject born at Rosabell, Mauritius, was also charged with being without visible means of support.

In reply to a number of questions, defendant said that his father was a C.M.S. missionary, his mother being a Creole. In 1910 they moved to Meerhut, but the father died seven years later. He had been a seaman for nearly twenty-years and in September last found himself in Hong Kong without a ship. He had money then, but it had become exhausted in the meanwhile as he had not been able to secure another ship.

Sgt. Elston informed Mr. Schofield that the Government was prepared to repatriate the man to Mauritius, but that he, the defendant, did not want to be sent there.

His Worship remanded the man in Police custody for twenty-four hours.

BURDEN OF TAXES.

Effect On Trade And
Credit.

IMPORTANT REPORT.

Rugby, Jan. 11.

Publication is expected shortly of the report of the committee under the presidency of Lord Colwyn which was appointed by the late Labour Government to examine the effect of existing taxation on trade and national credit.

The "Daily Telegraph's" parliamentary correspondent says the report will be an important document.

It is estimated by the treasury that the amount of expenditure per head of population for the national debt services reaches high figure of £8 2s. 10d., and the report discusses the results of this heavy burden in relation to the prosperity of the country.

The majority report, it is gathered, will be found to recommend the adoption of a more vigorous scheme of debt conversion, which would take full advantage of market and other conditions.

There is a minority report by the Labour representatives on the committee. It is chief feature of interest will probably be, says the correspondent, acknowledgment more or less direct that a capital levy is no longer a practicable proposition.

The view is that a war levy could have been made at some period, but that owing to the length of time which has elapsed, it is not now possible specially to distinguish fortunes made during the war years.

The minority report, it is said, suggests that the scheme of death duties should be remodelled and that there should be a special tax on great incomes for a fixed number of years, with the proceeds earmarked for debt reduction.—British Wireless Service.

CAME BACK.

BAG SNATCHING SUSPECT
JAILED.

Stated by Insp. Vincent to have been confidentially banished from the Colony in 1925, as being a suspected member of a gang of boys who specialised in bag-snatching from European ladies, a young Chinese, found guilty of stealing a quantity of dried fish by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, was sent to jail for three months for returning from banishment together with a further term of four weeks for the theft of the fish.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The official weather forecast for all local districts during the next twenty-four hours is:—N.E. winds; fair.

This morning at 11.10 the Observatory reported as follows: Pressure has decreased considerably over N.E. Japan, moderately over Tongking and slightly over the Yangtze Valley. It has increased considerably over S.W. Japan and slightly over the Loochoos. It is nearly stationary elsewhere.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 30.11; temperature 50; humidity nil; wind nil; weather overcast and cloudy.

DOG BITES COOLIE.

An Alsatian wolf-hound, owned by Mr. Andrews of 114 the Peak, has been sent to Kennedy Town for observation as a result of his having bitten a coolie employed at No. 195, The Peak.

Handbills which urged that local Chinese should unite in a fight against Bolshevism have been found in Nantao and Chapel.

The Diary for 1927 issued by the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. is both useful and attractive. Space is allotted for professional and private appointments and for monthly cash accounts. Much practical information is given about vitamins and the feeding of babies and infants. The diary is graced with a frontispiece in colours, namely a reproduction of Reynolds' famous picture "The Angel Choir." The whole is neatly bound in black cloth.

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Mainland.	
Taimoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

NOTICES.

NOTICE.

ON and after MONDAY, January 10th, 1927, the Offices of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs will be on the first floor of the New Government Building in Connaught Road Central.

E. R. HALLIFAX,
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.
Hong Kong, 8th January, 1927.

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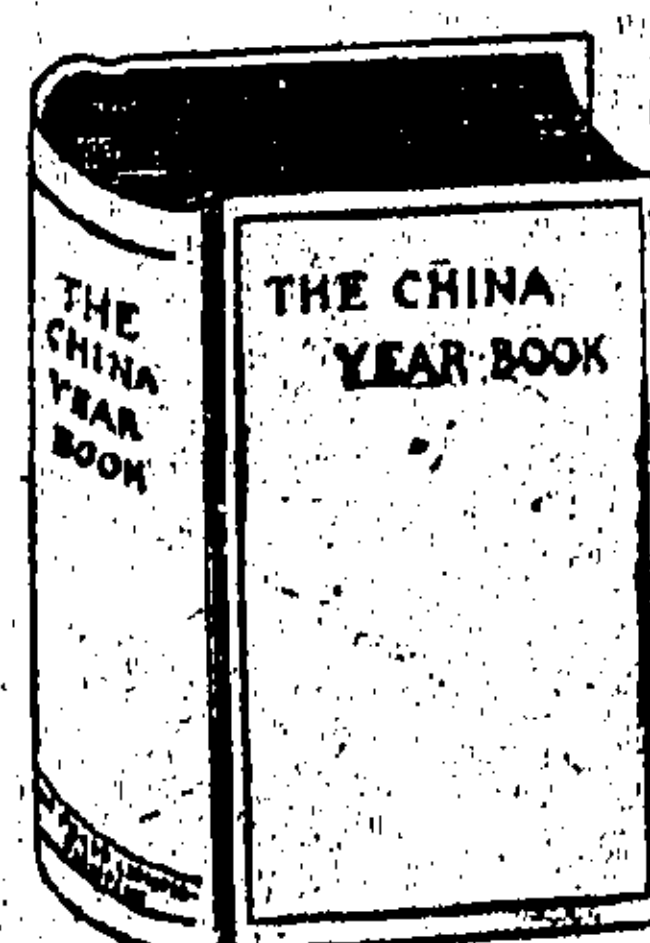
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TASHI LAMA.

The Pro-British Party in Tibet.

RITUAL OF THE SCARF.

All China's hopes in Tibet revolve round the person of the Tashi Lama, one of the two Grand Lamas of Lamaistic Buddhism, who is now an exile in Peking, writes the Peking correspondent of the "Observer." It is no wonder, therefore, that he was greeted with much pomp by the Chinese authorities when he arrived last year. Yellow sand, supposed to be reserved for royal feet, marked his path to his abode, which is one of the imperial palaces in the Forbidden City. Here he resides in state, surrounded by trappings befitting his august rank, as well as the conveniences for maintaining the priestly ritual of Lamaism. When he goes abroad, always in a yellow-painted motor-car, the streets are lined with soldiery, and all traffic is held up to allow of his progress.

These honours will continue to be shown to the Tibetan pontiff. In this respect the policy of the republican government accords with monarchical precedent, for the Manchu emperor, Ch'ien Lung, received a former Panashan Lama with more consideration than he was wont to exhibit towards his fellow-monarchs or their representatives. Lord Macartney on his mission to China in 1793 discovered that he was expected to convey George the Third's homage to Ch'ien Lung. Yet the illustrious emperor "of the universal dominion" treated the Panashan almost as an equal.

Ecclesiastical Rivals.

The visiting pope is regarded as a shade senior in ecclesiastical status to the Dalai Lama of Lhasa, but as subordinate in temporal power. Their relationship, however, is not entirely clear to Western scholars. Their ancestry seems to have pursued well-placed parallel lines of pre-eminence until the Mongols over-ran Tibet in the middle of the 13th century, when the seat of Lhasa obtained prevailing administrative authority, a grant that was subsequently confirmed by the Manchu Emperors of China.

But the entourage of the present Tashi Lama "think differently. Their Grand Lama is the King of Tsang, one of the two sections of Tibet, the one contiguous to Indian territory. They acknowledge that politically the Priest-King of Lhasa sways the entire Forbidden Land, but they say that this is due solely to the fact that he is senior in age, being for that reason the Elder Brother of the duumvirate.

Parties in Tibet.

The Tashi's seat is Shigatse, where he resides in the famous monastery of Tashilumpo. He brings news to China of the political developments in Tibet. Here, as elsewhere, little is known of these happenings except that the holy man's visit was precipitated by

conflict between the monks of Shigatse and of Lhasa, Conservatives and Progressives respectively. In China, the Tibetan Progressives are labelled pro-British, because they look to India for light and leading in the shape of modern improvements. The Dalai's interest in foreign ideas and ways dates from 1910, when the Chinese invaded Tibet and drove the priest-king into exile in India. There he was treated with every mark of consideration, and as a result friendly relations developed. In addition to a transplantation of foreign notions in Tibet, this episode also explains a good deal of his hostility to China and Chinese claims of overlordship.

The Dalai is perhaps the more bitter of the two hierarchs. Apart from factional reasons, which are kept alive by the quarrellings of the monks, he still bears a grudge against his spiritual coadjutor for his assumption of the Lhasa throne in 1910, an act, however, which was in accordance with precedent, and which was done in 1904, when the Dalai had fled to Mongolia.

Four Hours a Day in Prayer.

It is difficult to reconcile the Tashi with other political purposes or a vendetta. A man of altogether benevolent appearance, he spends four hours a day in solitary prayer, and the remainder of the time in reading the classics and in receiving the faithful, who lay all the riches of Central Asia at his feet. Mongolia is particularly worshipful, for their own Living Buddha at Urga is subordinate to the Tashi, who is regarded as ultimate sovereign.

His Holiness is averse from receiving Westerners. That he saw me at all was perhaps due to a persistence that spread over half a year, reinforced by several calls at his palace. This is the island palace of the Forbidden City, where the ill-fated Emperor Kwang Hsu languished to his death in 1908, dying mysteriously a few days before the masterful Empress Dowager, who took the helm of State out of his hands after he had initiated the "100 days' reforms."

A Lesson in Etiquette.

The Tashi greeted me in Kwang Hsu's death-chamber. But first I had to undergo a lesson in etiquette, which took place in the vast courtyard of the palace, during morning Mass. From the rooms all around me came low monotonous chants, rising and falling like a wind through the trees, and then fading altogether into deep religious quiet. Three hundred unseen monks, on their knees counting their beads behind those blank walls.

I busied myself with the rite expected of me while their prayers flowed and ebbed. My eulogies, described magnificently on his visiting card as "Charge d'Affaires to His Holiness the Tashi Lama," then invested me with a ceremonial scarf, and ushered me through another courtyard into an inner apartment. Here I beheld the Living Buddha himself, the Godhead of the

Lamas, "the jewel among the great scholars," clad in a capacious yellow robe which revealed only the edge of his yellow Tibetan topknot. He rose from the Wang, smiled benignly, and motioned me to a low seat on his left. This I took after I had bowed the scarf into his hands.

My six months' wait for the interview had compelled an image of a personage at once forbidding and aloof. Any trepidation I had on that account, however, was soon to be melted under the influence of his engaging manner.

A Strange Interview.

And so began a strange interview. A sprightly youth the interpreter had seemed in the courtyard, full of reminiscences of his life in Darjeeling. But this was the holy of holies to him; he remained bent and awed, peering across at me for my questions, which he retailed to his divinity with downcast head. The potentate responded over the half-prostrate intermediary, speaking in soft caressing tones.

There were to be no political confidences. His Holiness had no other mission than to speak the Lamaistic word to the faithful. He would, perhaps, go on to Urga, there to comfort his Mongolian flock. Pilgrims were pressing him daily to show himself on the Mongolian steppes to those nomad people, who have sacrificed their eminence and even their vigour on the altar of Lamaism. Perhaps he would soon return to Shigatse. His answers were no definite purpose, and evaded all questions about conditions in Tibet.

In truth, he seemed to regard me more as the King's representative than as a journalist. He inquired first about His Majesty's health, and embarrassed me mightily by his questions about the doings of the Royal Family. He said he entertained the highest respect for the King, whom he had met in India. He spoke of the cordial relations that had subsisted between the Tashi and Great Britain ever since Warren Hastings established relations with Shigatse. He hoped with many smiles that these relations would long continue, accompanying this pleasant by a return presentation of another scarf, which ceremony marked the end of the audience.

As I turned my head in closing the door, I saw the Grand Lama resume his statuesque pose and the telling of his beads of gold.

SPÄHLINGER CURE.

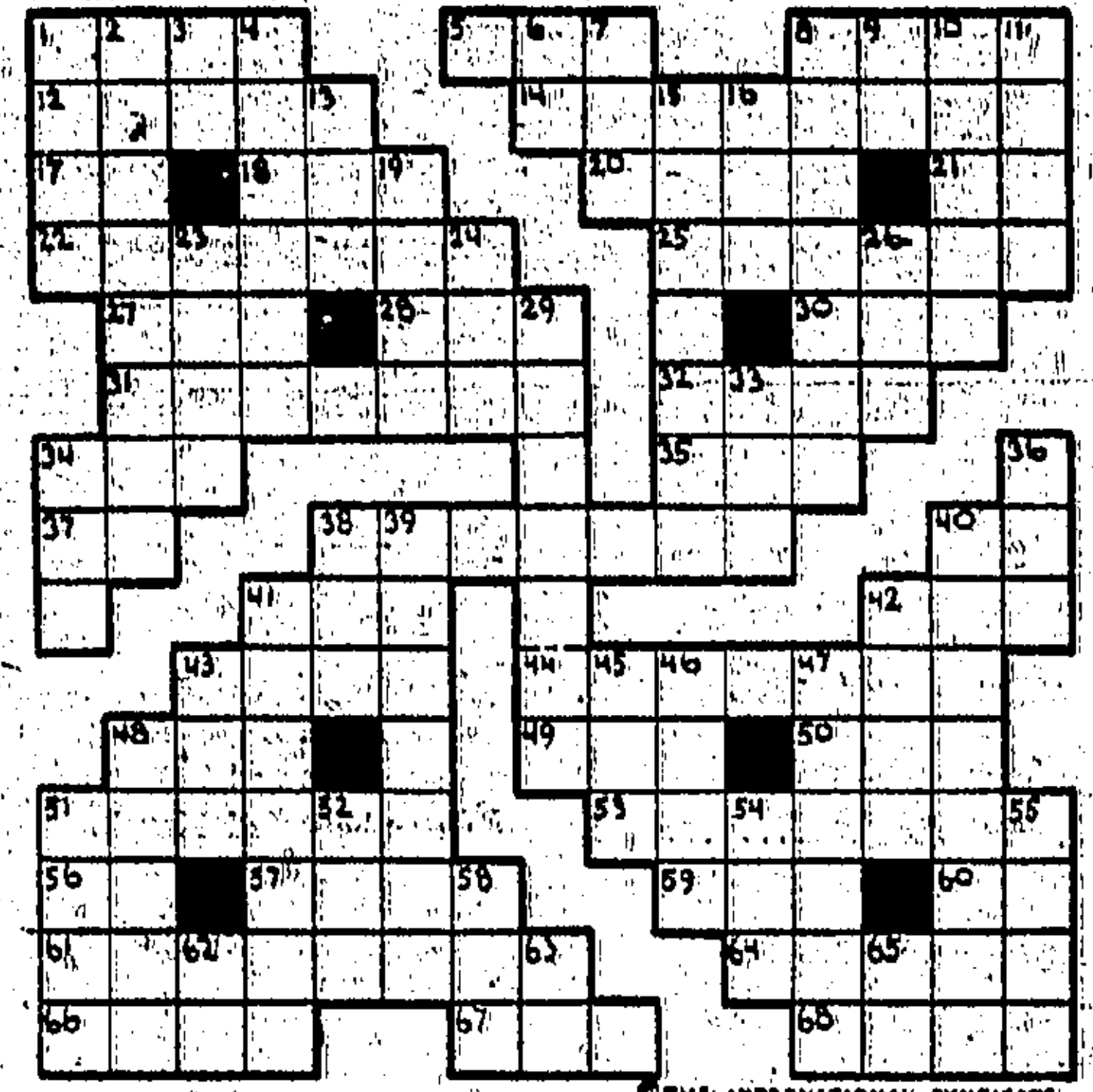
London.

Mr. Havelock Wilson's son, Joseph, in a letter to the "Daily Mail," says that 18 months ago, when he was losing weight rapidly, sputum tests revealed that he had tuberculosis.

He underwent Dr. Spählinger's treatment for a year, at Geneva. He regained his weight, sputum tests were now negative, and his health was normal.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL.

- 1-Mimicked.
- 2-Part of verb "to be".
- 3-A casket; box.
- 4-Roman goddess of harvests.
- 5-To settle snugly.
- 6-Railroad (abbr.).
- 7-Interjection.
- 8-A book of Old Testament (abbr.).
- 9-A bovine animal.
- 10-A small bone.
- 11-To tinge again.
- 12-Prefix. Same as "an".
- 13-A grassy field.
- 14-Wrath.
- 15-Island group, Bay of Bengal, India.
- 16-A flat, round plate.
- 17-Conjunction.
- 18-A poem.
- 19-Recording Secretary (abbr.).
- 20-A perplexing predicament.
- 21-A parent.
- 22-Marvinism.
- 23-A river of Switzerland.
- 24-A measure of capacity.
- 25-To mark by pressure.

HORIZONTAL (Cont.).

- 26-A floor covering.
- 27-A wheeled vehicle.
- 28-That which is up (pl.).
- 29-A spire.
- 30-To make rough.
- 31-Prefix. Form of "ad".
- 32-Level.
- 33-Propose.
- 34-A square land measure (abbr.).
- 35-A small banner.
- 36-Upper atmosphere (pl.).
- 37-Narrow strip of wood.
- 38-To make love to.
- 39-Too.

VERTICAL.

- 40-Combining form. Topmost.
- 41-Natives of Persia.
- 42-Suffix denoting an agent.
- 43-Rely on.
- 44-Prefix. Again.
- 45-To bring to a close.
- 46-A small band (heraldry).
- 47-Switzerland.
- 48-A thin cake, as of oatmeal.
- 49-A topical theme.
- 50-The sun.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

EYES OUT.

FISHING LINE ACROSS A STREET.

Sydney.

Two strands of fishing-line stretched across a Bankstown street caught a motor-cyclist across the eye.

He was badly hurt—he nearly lost his sight.

The cyclist, Arthur C. Lovett, a tramway employee, of Surrey Avenue, Bankstown, was riding to work at the Rozelle Tramway Depot.

At the corner of Rookwood and Liverpool streets, Bankstown, he was caught across the eyes, and sent hurtling across the road.

The fishing line had been tied to a telegraph pole on one side of the street and to a stationary lorry at the other. It was apparently a mad practical joke.

Lovett was picked up, groaning with the pain of his injured eyes and the bruises and shaking of the spill, and was hurried to Sydney Hospital.

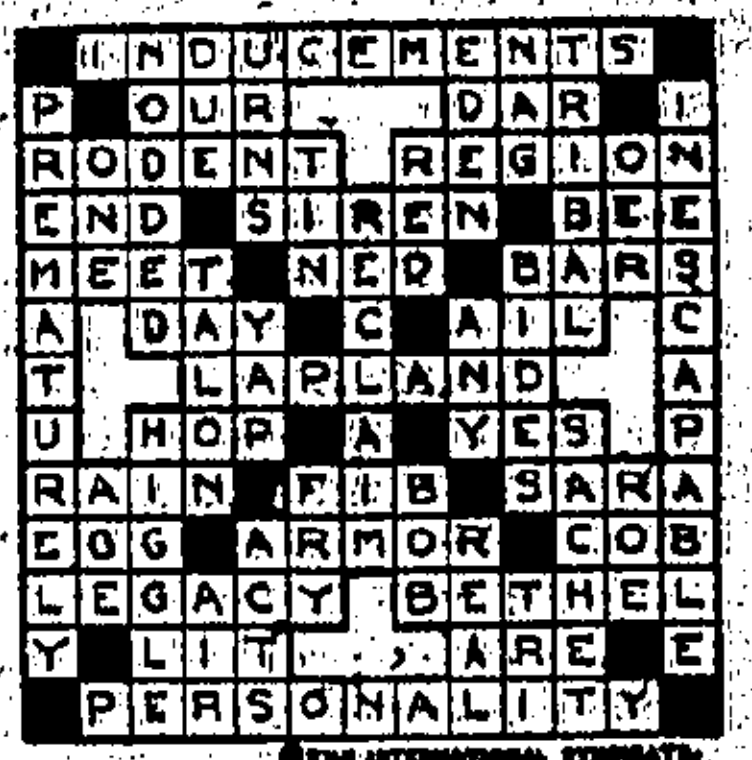
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Mrs. H. Lillis family
Mr. G. Wragge

Rugby, Jan. 11—Lady Irwin, wife of the Viceroy of India, at Delhi yesterday christened the Hercules air liner in which the Air Minister and his party flew to India from London. The machine was named "City of Delhi." Sir Samuel Hoare stated the Imperial Airways Company intended to name all its aeroplanes for the new service after the capital cities of countries along the route to India—British Wireless Service.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of The Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Cleomedon, from Boston.
Capnos, from Shanghai.
Franelin, from New York.
Konor, Care Christians, 1, Kimberley Villas, Kowloon, from Shanghai.

Corelaw, from Los Angeles, California.
E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong Station, Jan. 6, 1926.

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List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in E. E. Telegraph Office, Hong Kong.
Miss C. Lopez, Mosque Street No. 88, from Hilo.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong 6th January, 1926.

BANDIT'S GUN-PLAY.

Nice. Ballastro, the leader of a gang responsible for several murders of sundarines, and who was being searched for by soldiers, boarded a train for France after shooting and severely wounding a police man. The authorities are continuing an active search.

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From Hong Kong.

M.V. "ROMOLO" Sails on or about 4th February.
M.V. "VIMINALE" Sails on or about 4th March.
M.V. "REMO" Sails on or about 5th April.

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LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP.—Via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
ALTAI MARU Friday, 14th January.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES.—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.
MANILA MARU Monday, 17th January.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
HONOLULU MARU Monday, 17th January.
KORYU MARU (Calls at Penang) Wednesday, 19th January.
MANSU MARU Sunday, 23rd January.
CELEBES MARU Sunday, 30th January.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU Saturday, 22nd January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 25th January.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
SEIKOW MARU End of January.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan.
LONDON MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 27th January.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
MENADO MARU Saturday, 22nd January.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
HAYRE MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 10th February.
JAPAN PORTS
AMAZON MARU Friday, 14th January.
SANUKI MARU Tuesday, 25th January.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
JOZAN MARU Saturday, 16th January, 10 a.m.
KAIJO MARU Sunday, 23rd January, 10 a.m.
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU Thursday, 13th January, 8 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.
BATAVIA MARU Saturday, 29th January.
DAIREN Via CHEFOO & TSINGTAO.
RYUKO MARU Middle of January.
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WORLD SHIPPING.

MOTOR VESSELS' GROWING
VOGUE.

INTERESTING FIGURES.

London, Jan. 11.
The continued vogue for shipping
fitted with internal combustion en-
gines is revealed in Lloyd's ship-
building returns showing of the
total world tonnage under construc-
tion on December 31, 1,933,000 tons,
motor ships accounted for 908,000
tons.

The total tonnage being con-
structed in Britain was 760,000
tons, which was 125,000 tons below
last year's figure.

On the other hand the tonnage
being built abroad was 1,173,000
tons or 97,000 tons above last
year's figure.—Reuter.

CHINA COAST.

GAZETTE OF THE LATEST
CHANGES.

Captain A. F. Summerfield, of the
"Kanchow," is on reserve.
Captain W. Kumaden, of the "So-
chow," has gone master, "Kan-
chow."

Captain S. M. Barling, from Home
leave, has gone master, "Hanyang."
Captain J. B. Bruce, of the "Han-
yang," is on reserve.

Mr. E. Griffith, second officer,
"Antung," has gone second officer,
"King Yuan."

Mr. E. H. Mutton, second officer,
"King Yuan," has gone second offi-
cer, "Antung."

Mr. J. W. Bertram, from reserve,
has gone second engineer, "Fat-
shan."

Mr. J. Scarr, second engineer,
"Fatshan," is on Home leave.

Mr. W. J. Dinnen, sup'y chief en-
gineer, "Kwangchow," is on Home
leave.

Mr. W. T. Anderson, sup'y second
engineer, "Kwangchow," has gone
acting second engineer, "Hutchow."

Mr. R. S. Sinclair, from reserve,
has gone second engineer, "Kiang-
su."

Mr. D. H. Maxwell, second en-
gineer, "Kiangsu," has gone second
engineer, "Sundang."

Mr. G. E. Judge, from reserve,
has gone third engineer, "Kiangsu."

Mr. E. C. Fitzpatrick, second en-
gineer, "Chinhua," has gone second
engineer, "Anhui."

Mr. G. I. Angus, second engineer,
"Anhui," has gone second engineer,
"Chinhua."

Mr. J. McBride, sup'y second en-
gineer, "Shantung," has gone sup'y
second engineer, "Newchwang."

Mr. W. S. Sharp, third engineer,
"Newchwang," has gone third en-
gineer, "Kwangtung."

Mr. A. W. Norris, third engineer,
"Kwangtung," is on reserve.

Mr. H. C. McKenna, from reserve,
has gone second engineer, "Chung-
king."

Mr. D. Jones, second officer,
"Siangwo," is on Home leave.

Mr. E. J. A. Porter, chief officer,
"Fausang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. D. Thwaites, from Home
leave, has gone second officer,
"Loongwo."

Mr. D. B. Smith, from reserve,
has gone second officer, "Fausang."

Mr. C. G. Patterson, from reserve,
has gone chief engineer, "Hopsang."

Mr. W. I. Donald, from reserve,
has gone third engineer, "Loongwo."

Mr. H. A. Squire, third engineer,
"Loongwo," has gone acting second
engineer, "Tingsang."

Mr. T. C. Malcolm, second en-
gineer, "Tingsang," is on reserve.

Mr. C. A. Hill has been appointed
chief officer, "Borneo."

Mr. R. A. Prichard, chief officer,
"Borneo," has gone master, same
ship.

Mr. C. R. Benstead, chief officer,
"Kwongai," has resigned.

Mr. T. Ogier has been appointed
chief officer, "Kwongai."

Captain S. Bell-Smith, from Home
leave, has gone master, "Lungshan."

—Shipping and Engineering.

NEW SHARES.

WHITE STAR COMPANY'S
ISSUE.

Rugby, Jan. 11.

The "Times" understands the is-
sue of £2,500,000 of six per cent.
preference shares will be made in
a few days by the White Star Line,
Limited, the new company that has
been formed to acquire the whole
of the share capital of the Oceanic
Steam Navigation Company.

This transaction was arranged
at the end of November by the
Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.
Shares will be guaranteed by the
Royal Mail Company, and will be
offered for subscription at par.—
British Wireless Service.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers who left Hong Kong
on the Blue Funnel "Aeneas" for
the United Kingdom, (via Singa-
pore and Marseilles) on Jan. 11
were:—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Anthony,
Mr. A. Bovey, Mrs. S. A. Blunt, Mr.
E. B. Clarke, Mr. W. E. Holland,
Capt. and Mrs. A. E. House, the
Misses B. and M. and Mstr. J. F.
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Stocks, Mrs. G. A. and Miss J. U.
Turner, Capt. W. S. Turnbull, Mr.
L. E. Whitfield, Mr. Th. Kupperts,
Mr. A. Reichelt, Mr. J. Rosenfeld,
Mr. A. Bakker, Mr. J. B. Vaughan-
Baker.

Among the passengers who left
Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. "Taiyo
Maru" for San Francisco (via
Shanghai and Japan) on Jan. 11
were:—Mr. E. Esser, Mrs. F. W.
Ballar, Miss F. M. Dibley, Mr. V. U.
Kolossowsky, Miss A. J. Millar, Mr.
O. K. Lang, Mr. A. Hume Ford, Mrs.
Scott Catty, Miss M. Riddle, Miss
A. Pearton.

First-class passengers who left
Hong Kong on the Admiral Line
"President Grant" for Seattle (via
Shanghai, Japan) on Jan. 11, were:
—Mrs. A. and Mstr. J. Lindsay, Mrs.
G. and Miss E. S. Stone, Mrs. E.
V. Manhan, Mr. L. Garner, Miss R.
Williams, Svan Karamain, Rudolf
Heil, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huck,
Mr. Y. Furukawa, Mr. and Mrs. B.
Honing, Mrs. M. L. Toepfer, Mr. and
Mrs. H. A. Powis, Mr. C. E. List,
Mr. L. R. Haynor, Mrs. Jas. Igstad-
ter, Mr. M. Del Pueyo, Mr. J. G.
Jansen, Mr. H. J. Dicke, Mr. J. G.
McNab, Mr. S. T. Crenier, Mr. P. W.
Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Botelho,
Mr. D. Kozoi, Mr. Sam Quai-kui, Mr.
Chan Yui-on, Mr. Ngan Tack, Mr. and
Mrs. Chan Yat-ching, Mr. W. E.
Gurry, Mr. K. Wu, Mr. and Mrs.
W. H. Wee, Mr. C. B. Morrison, Mr.
W. and Miss Windeyer, Mr. Peck,
Mr. H. V. Albrecht, Miss V. Jung,
Goop, Miss M. H. Goen, Mr. Ngah
Heung-cho, Mr. Lee Shao, Mr. Chin
Dan-ye, Lt.-Comdr. F. R. Porter,
Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Foote.

14 BABIES ON A SHIP.

Out of 269 passengers who
arrived here yesterday on the Dou-
glas Co. "Hanyang," fourteen were
described as "babies" travelling on
deck.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. and O. s.s. "Talamba" left
Singapore for this port on Jan. 9,
at noon, and is due here on Jan. 14,
at about 7 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Tilawa" left
Singapore for this port on Jan. 7,
and is due here to-morrow, at about
7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" is due at Hong Kong on
January 14.

The m.v. "Canton" (Swedish East
Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on
December 13, 1926, and is due here
on or about January 21, 1927.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s.
"Weirbank" are reminded that
goods remaining undelivered after
January 14, will be subject to rent.

Consignees will have to pay a
general average of 15% on part of
s.s. "Java's" cargo on board prior
to her grounding off Lisbon, unless
same has been adjusted by shippers
in Copenhagen; and goods remain-
ing undelivered after Jan. 14, will
be subject to rent.

From San Pedro (left Dec. 9)
to Hong Kong (arrived yesterday)
the s.s. "Lampac" met "boisterous"
weather.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following
numbers of vessels were in
ports.

British	25
Panama	1
Norwegian	4
German	1
Japanese	6
Chinese	19
Dutch	5
Portuguese	3

Total 58

Arrivals 21 (4 British, 4 Japa-
nese, 1 Norwegian, 1 Chinese, 1
Dutch).

Departures 18 (8 British, 2
Japanese, 3 Norwegian, 1 Chinese,
2 Dutch, 1 French, 1 American).

The arrivals were:—Borneo, Hai-
yang, Ixion, Lampac, Hirundo,
Vulcanus, Hozan Maru, Tamba
Maru, Akita Maru, Sweden Maru,
Tak Hing.

The departures were:—Scala
Shell, Bandoeng Maru, Cremer, Hal-
ching, Hellas, Gleniffer, Kueichow,
Tjisondari, Kwongsang, Tak Hing,
Ixion, President Grant, Maud, Taiyo
Maru, Norviken, Changchow,
Aeneas, Dr. Pierre Benoit.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Seven mistresses and four
masters of cargo boats were
each fined \$5 at the Marine Court
for lying within 100 yards of low-
water mark during prohibited hours
(i.e. between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.).
The master of a passenger boat
was fined \$10 for carrying goods
other than passengers' luggage.

A SMALL ARSENAL.

On board the "Swedon Maru"
which arrived here yesterday from
Rotterdam via Singapore were 43
cases of pistols, 3 cases gun-parts
and 20 cases containing 200,000
rounds of safety cartridges all
covered by a permit, and under the
category of dangerous goods.

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EMPRESS OF CANADA Mar. 30 Apr. 2 Apr. 5 Apr. 8 Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA Apr. 20 Apr. 23 Apr. 26 Apr. 29 May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA May 11 May 14 May 17 May 20 May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA June 1 June 4 June 7 June 10 June 19
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KASHGAR	9,006	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,046	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALMA	10,000	27th Jan.	Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,002	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,165	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NAGPORA	5,281	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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KARMALA	8,165	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,641	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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ROYAL TOUR.

DUKE OF YORK AT LAS PALMAS.

PERILS OF THE LANDING.

Rugby, Jan. 11.

The Duke and Duchess of York received an enthusiastic welcome when they landed at Las Palmas.

Their Royal Highnesses were received by the Spanish Governor and other notabilities, and afterwards motored through the beflagged streets to the Queen Victoria Hospital, which they inspected.

Later they visited the British Seamen's Institute and the British Club.

When landing, the Duke and Duchess had an unpleasant experience, the Royal barge towing badly in the swell, which it was feared at one time would prevent disembarkation altogether.

However, the sea moderated sufficiently to enable the programme to be carried out.

Owing to unfavourable weather, the dinner on the "Renown" to be given to the authorities was cancelled.—British Wireless Service.

SOCIALIST ELECTED.

NEW HEAD OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

Paris, Jan. 11.

The Socialist M. Fernand Bouisson has been elected President of the Chamber of Deputies in succession to M. Raoul Peret who has been elected a Senator.—Reuter.

NICARAGUA.

Washington, Jan. 11.

President Coolidge in a special message to Congress explaining the American Government's policy toward Nicaragua, describes it as one of thorough protection to American interests in conformity with the traditional standpoint of the United States in the Nicaraguan Canal route, "together with obligations flowing from the investments of all classes of our citizens in Nicaragua, which place us in a position of peculiar responsibility."

The President disclaims any intention to "intervene in the internal affairs of Nicaragua, but declares that the United States cannot fail to view with deep concern any serious threat to stability and constitutional government in Nicaragua, especially if such a state of affairs is contributed to or brought about by outside influences or by any foreign power."

The President said: "I have conclusive evidence that large quantities of arms and munitions have been shipped to the revolutionists in Nicaragua on several occasions since August 1926, on boats fitted out in Mexican ports."

"Some of the munitions bear evidence of having belonged to the Mexican Government. It also appears that the ships were fitted out with the full knowledge, and in some cases the encouragement of Mexican officials, and in at least one instance was commanded by Mexican Naval Reserve officers."

With the revolutionists receiving quantities of munitions, the administration deemed it unfair to prevent the Government which it recognised from purchasing arms abroad, and the embargo was lifted.

The President reaffirms that neutral zones were established after repeated requests for protection from American citizens, the British Charge d'Affaires at Managua and the Italian Ambassador at Washington.—Reuter's American Service.

Growing Anxiety.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 11.

There is growing anxiety felt in Argentina regarding the United States intervention in Nicaragua. The newspaper "La Prensa" declares that Washington's intolerable, aggressive bearing will strengthen the spirit of independence in other countries of the American continent. "La Nacion" states that unless the United States dispel the impression they have created, other countries will take precautions to avoid the danger of commercial relations with North Americans.

The Spanish American Society has issued a manifesto declaring that unless the people of the United States revolt against the policy of their Government, the American republic will refuse dealings with the United States, because of the dangers such dealings bring.—Reuter's American Service.

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Canton	KWANGSANG	Sun. 16th Jan. at 7 a.m.
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Tsingtau via Swatow & S'hai	YATSHING	Sun. 23rd Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	SUANGSANG	Tues. 25th Jan. at 7 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & S'hai	FOOSHANG	Wed. 26th Jan. at 7 a.m.
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RHINELANDER ANNULMENT SUIT.

New York, Jan. 5.

The appellate division of the New York supreme court to-day denied Leonard Kip Rhinelander a new trial in his marriage annulment suit against Alice Beatrice Jones Rhinelander.

The decision sustained the decision of a lower court last spring. Like the lower court the higher court held that Rhinelander knew his bride was part negro when he married her.

Rhinelander is a member of one of the oldest and wealthiest families in New York. When he married Beatrice Jones, daughter of a labourer, his name was scratched from the social register. After it became generally known his wife had negro blood in her veins, and it was alleged, at the solicitation of his relatives, Rhinelander brought suit for annulment. It was shown at the trial that the bride's father was very dark and bore unmistakable evidence of being a negro and that Rhinelander had seen his wife's father many times before their marriage.

New York, January 6. — The sum of \$3,000 and 10 of his paintings were bequeathed to Seymour, Ind., "to start a museum," by H. Vanne Swope, well-known painter who died recently. Mr. Swope was born in Seymour.

CHURCH & STATE.

SIX MEXICAN BISHOPS ARRESTED.

Mexico City, Jan. 11.

The Bishop of Tabasco, who is Secretary of the Mexican Catholic Episcopate, and five other Bishops have been arrested.

The former has been spokesman for the Episcopate since the Church v. Government difficulties began.

The Bishop of Tabasco was arrested in the Episcopate building and secretly removed to an unknown destination.

The police remained in the building and arrested all callers, including clergy and laymen, among whom was an American journalist. The latter, however, was subsequently released.

It is stated that the Bishop of Tabasco will be deported.

There are seven Archbishops, and 23 Bishops in Mexico, all of whom are believed to have been arrested. It is thought that Bishop Tabasco's arrest is connected with a report that Rene Garza, a prominent Catholic leader, who recently was in New York, had crossed the border as the head of revolutionary forces.—Reuter's American Service.

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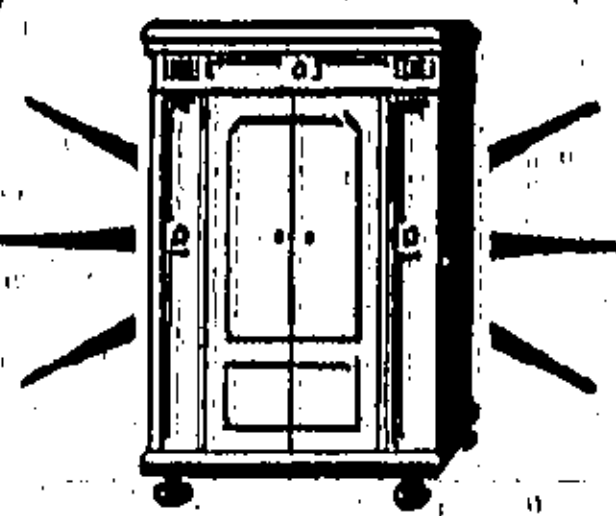
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GOLDIE.—On Dec. 8, at Te Whare, Horeham Road, Sussex, to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Goldie, a son.

DEATH.

WHITE.—On Dec. 13, at Bath, Evelyn Constance, widow of Francis William White, Maritime Customs, China, third daughter of the late Hon. Edward Erskine, C.B.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1927.

THE LULL IN CHINA.

The lull in China has come, none too soon. Events were moving far too rapidly—so rapidly, indeed, that it was impossible to see where they would end. Both sides can now enjoy a breathing space, and during that breathing space they should be able to reach a settlement. The British Government has not as yet announced its policy with specific relation to the events at Hankow, but its attitude is known to be one of "watchfulness" rather than general diplomatic action. "Watchfulness" does not mean, however, that there is the slightest intention of giving up the Concession. A cable from London to-day makes that clear. Britain would never permit herself, either willingly or unwillingly, to be party to a gross violation of treaty rights, and the breathing space which comes with the lull will allow the Nationalists at Hankow to realize this as they never could have realized it while howling mobs were surging through the Concession. The presence at Hankow of Mr. O'Malley, a Counsellor of the British Legation, with the fullest instructions from London and from Sir Miles Lampson, the new British Minis-

ter, will give the Nationalists an opportunity to extricate themselves from an awkward predicament. They will be wise to take it.

Boxer Indemnity Funds.

Hong Kong advocates for using Boxer Indemnity money to finance and develop our University have been open to the charge of bias, when so many other avenues can easily be found for employing these funds. The references made to the Boxer Indemnity by the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor of the University yesterday afternoon should finally remove that charge. The University not only urgently requires financial assistance, but the direct good that would result for Britain and China—and the Boxer Indemnity Act requires that both peoples must benefit—would greatly exceed the good that could result from the mere financing of railways or conservancy schemes. After all, the first step in aiding the progress and prosperity of China is to bring about a better understanding between the two countries. What better agency could there be for that than the University? The Boxer Indemnity Committee has full discretion, and here is its opportunity.

Bad Coins.

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy's letter to the Press regarding the Tramway Company's procedure with respect to bad coins should speedily correct any false impressions arising out of yesterday's Police Court case. Mr. Bellamy explains that the practice is to hand bad coins to conductors all doubtful coins and of this almost infinitesimal number only a very small percentage are bad. The conductors know it is useless to try to pass bad coins off to the experience of the Tramway Company gets so few. Any obviously spurious coins that are handed in should be destroyed and the shroffs have been instructed accordingly. Mr. Bellamy himself attended the pay-in by the early duty conductors yesterday afternoon. The shroffs discarded five coins. One was a good Chinese silver dollar. Two were "chopped" but otherwise perfectly good silver 10-cent pieces, one was an apparently good 10-cent piece but was what the shroff called "smooth" and the last was a doubtful 10-cent piece. From this it can be seen that, besides adopting the only course open to it, the Tramway Company pays full regard to the rights of the travelling public. Mr. Bellamy is to be commended upon the promptness with which he has set at rest any doubts that might otherwise have been entertained.

Talking Across Oceans.

That people in London and New York should be able to speak to each other with the same ease and clarity as two people in adjoining rooms is a modern marvel that almost passes belief. Yet the feat is now being accomplished daily, and will soon have become a commonplace. What this new wonder will mean in the course of time to places like Hong Kong,

Singapore and other outposts of Empire scarcely requires pointing out. When one can have a daily chat with the Homeland—as one should be able to do when the radiophone becomes as cheap as the telephone is to-day—one will have found that exile has lost half its drawbacks, for the pleasure to be derived from a letter or a cable is small compared with the pleasure of hearing the actual voice. This is looking ahead, but perhaps not so far as some in Hong Kong may think.

The Manchu Treasures.

Thus the "Peking and Tientsin Times"—it is rumoured in Peking that a scheme is afoot to transfer half the art treasures in the Palace there to Mukden, on the ground that as part of them originally came from Mukden, and part from Jehol, the former city should get back its share. It is to be hoped that Marshal Chang Tso-lin will refuse to permit this plan to be carried out. He must be fully aware of the grave risk attaching to the removal of these treasures, not only from breakage or pilfering en route, but also from theft at the other end. We are convinced that he would never give his assent to the looting of the Peking Palaces, holding as he does, such strong views about the sanctity of the Abolition Treaty. And we can scarcely believe that he will authorise any tampering with the Palace treasures on the specious pretext that have been put forward by supporters of the project for removing them.

PRINCE GEORGE.

GLAD TO BE HOME AGAIN.

WELCOME IN LONDON.

Prince George has returned to the Palace after nearly two years' absence in the East with the China Fleet, says a Home paper just received. He arrived at Liverpool on the evening of Dec. 14 on the Canadian Pacific Railway liner "Montroyal". On landing the Prince said he was glad to be back again after his travels, and felt fit and well. Alderman F. C. Bowring, Lord Mayor of Liverpool, and Sir Archibald Salvidge, boarded the "Montroyal" on her arrival and welcomed the Prince, who later caught the 5.20 train to London. He arrived at Euston at 9.30, and proceeded to Buckingham Palace. Prince George is now a full Lieutenant in the Navy, having been promoted from Sub-Lieutenant during his service with the China Fleet.

The Prince was met on behalf of the King and Queen by Admiral Henry Campbell, Groom-in-Waiting to His Majesty, and was welcomed on behalf of his elder brother, the Prince of Wales, by Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, Controller of the Prince of Wales's Household.

During the voyage the Prince took a good deal of exercise in the gymnasium but did not dance. On the evening before landing he attended a concert organised by the passengers and crew.

Lieut. Halsey, the Prince's friend and fellow officer of Prince George on H.M.S. "Hawkins," who has accompanied him home, said at Liverpool that they had had a good time. Asked if the large quantity of silks and choice kimonos which the Prince had brought home were for his mother, Lieut. Halsey replied: "I do not know, but I expect he will present some to the Queen." He said the Prince had also brought a collection of "curios from the East."

OBITUARY.

REV. J. CARSON, D.D.

Recently there passed to his rest in his eightieth year one who was well-known and greatly respected in the Far East, viz., the Rev. James Carson, D.D., who was for nearly forty-five years a very hard-working and successful missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland in Manchuria. He was literally a "father" and a true friend to many, one who hated publicity and with his wife, who passed away a year and a half since, was greatly beloved by both Chinese and Europeans.

Summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon to answer a charge of dangerously driving his car in Des Voeux Road West on January 8, Mr. Y. G. Goulbourn, of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., pleaded that a congestion of trucks and coolies necessitated his passing a tram-car on the wrong side. A fine of \$7 was imposed.

NEW YEAR CRIME.

Murderer's Fiendish Behaviour.

LATEST SHANGHAI TOPICS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Jan. 2.

From the point of view of an enthusiastic criminologist, the New Year commenced particularly well; but from the point of view of the hardworking Police, it commenced disastrously with what appears to have been an especially well-planned murder of an Indian watchman, a pathetic murder of a sing-song girl by her lover and a somewhat ordinary murder of a coolie by armed robbers. In the case of the first, brutal, almost fiendish behaviour on the part of the murderers could be seen in the condition in which the body was left lying, awaiting discovery. The man was a well-known money lender. When his body was searched a number of Chinese I.O.U.'s were found in his pockets, in addition to one from an Indian client. The case is being investigated by the Police.

The Mixed Court.

Lacking pomp, yet deeply significant of the changing phase of Sino-foreign relations and of the growth of autonomous China, Shanghai's International Mixed Court, that curious tribunal which has for fifteen years functioned for the administration of justice in the Settlement was formally restored to Chinese control yesterday morning, being, at the same time automatically renamed the Shanghai International Settlement Provisional Court.

A large assembly of both Chinese and foreign members of the legal fraternity witnessed the inauguration of the new Court and the formal institution of its President, Mr. Hsu Veltzup. The only outward sign of ceremony was the display of Chinese (national, five-striped) flags at the entrance to the Court, where a large crowd had gathered.

The ceremony was conducted in the most friendly spirit and the good wishes of the retiring Magistrates were conveyed personally to their successors. The Mixed Court seal was formally handed over by the Senior Magistrate, Mr. Kuan Chun, to Mr. Aal, the Senior Consul, who, in accepting, referred to Mr. Kuan's great record at the old Mixed Court. Turning to Mr. Hsu Yuan, the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Aal said that in handing over the official seal, he wished the new Court every success.

Twelve new judges have been appointed to serve in the new Provisional Court replacing in all but two instances the Chinese magistrates who have served at the old Mixed Court. Magistrates Sung and Oen have been appointed judges whilst Mr. J. E. Wheeler, who has been Registrar of the Court for the past twenty-three years, has been appointed to hold a similar post in the new Court by the new President.

Passing of a Consul.

The body of the late Mr. Augusto S. P. Brandao, who died on December 26, is to be sent to Portugal for burial. Mr. Brandao was Consul-General for Brazil in Shanghai for many years. A Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's Church was attended by the entire Consular Body in official uniform.

The Late Mr. John Prentice. On Sunday, January 23, there will be a ceremony of sad, but particular interest, to local footballers, when Mrs. John Prentice will unveil, at the Union Church, a memorial to her late husband. The Shanghai Football Association will officially be represented at the ceremony and it is anticipated that many football enthusiasts will attend by way of tribute to one who did so much for the game in Shanghai.

Interport Soccer.

The actual Interport team will be chosen after Saturday's match. The team will sail for Hong Kong towards the end of January. Mr. A. H. Leslie will accompany the team as Secretary and Business Manager.

A Grim Story.

With grim reality, a little Chinese cruiser on Thursday displayed the spectacle of war horrors before the eyes of the soldiers forming the garrison which is holding Kiangnan Arsenal for Marshal Sun Chuanfang. The cruiser, the "Chao Woo," put into port from Fukien with her decks crowded with soldiers, most of whom were sick and wounded. When the cruiser tied up at Chong Miao and soldiers went on board to disembark the passengers, the cruiser was found to be a veritable "death ship." Out of less than 400 soldiers who left Fukien alive, 50 were found to have died from their wounds whilst on the journey to Shanghai, and the Arsenal garrison had the unpleasant duty of carrying the bodies ashore and of securing the district for coffins in which to bury them.

A STRIKE ECHO.

CHICKEN DEALER AND RESTAURANT.

WUCHOW CONDITIONS.

Was a contract for supplying Wuchow chickens throughout the year to a Chinese restaurant voided by the conditions which followed the strike and boycott in June, 1925?

This was the issue in a Summary Court case yesterday afternoon.

It was claimed for the plaintiffs (who had contracted to supply the Yat King Lau restaurant with Wuchow chickens for a year) that after June, 1925, it became impossible to get such chickens at all and that, not being requested to find other chickens locally, he was freed from his responsibilities.

Plaintiffs sued for \$331.04 which it was claimed was owing by the restaurant before the strike. The defendants had declined to pay this balance, stating that they had experienced heavy losses as a result of buying chickens outside the contract. They counter-claimed for \$1,000.

Defendants' case was that Wuchow chickens were obtainable after the strike although at higher prices. There was only a falling off of about a third in the price. Defendants claimed that there had been a definite contract for the sale and purchase of 30 chickens daily for a year.

Mr. Justice Wood adjourned the case in order that the parties might confer with a view to coming to a settlement. He added that the matter could be mentioned to him again in Chambers on Saturday morning.

Mr. D. McCallum represented plaintiffs and Mr. C. A. S. Russ the defendants.

TERRIBLE MASSACRE

RANDITS WIPE OUT WHOLE VILLAGE.

BRUTAL SLAUGHTER.

Shanghai, Jan. 11. A private message from Shantung records a terrible massacre by bandits.

Villagers at Wanchipao, fifty miles eastward of Chifu, actively opposed the bandits, who thereupon awaited reinforcements, surrounded the village, fired it, and slaughtered all without respect to age or sex.

Some were burned to death in their homes, and others shot when attempting to escape. Small children were pulled to pieces.

The inhabitants, numbering 1,000, were entirely exterminated.—Reuter.

"HAWKINS" CONCERT

FINAL ENTERTAINMENT TO-NIGHT.

Yet another opportunity remains to-night for those who have been unable so far to attend the admirable programme of music and entertainment which the "Hawkins" concert party is giving at the Theatre Royal.

Last night an enthusiastic audience thoroughly enjoyed the songs and participated in the choruses. The humorous element was well to the fore, the exploits of Miss Skinny provoking much laughter. "Locanotes Unlimited" and "The Tin-Can Fusiliers" are other numbers which provide excellent relief to the more serious numbers.

The orchestra from the "Hawkins" contributes in a large measure to the success of the concert.

"GREED."

STARK REALISM AT THE QUEEN'S.

Stark realism makes "Greed," the feature film showing at the Queen's Theatre for the last time to-day, one of the most powerful films seen in Hong Kong for some time. As the title indicates, the story deals with one of the great human passions. The theme is treated, however, from an entirely original angle, and some of the situations—particularly the unexpected climax in the heart of a desert—are grimly arresting. This is not to be wondered at, when it is remembered that the director is Eric von Stroheim, famous in the movie world to-day for his almost brutal realism. "Greed" drew crowded houses at the Queen's yesterday, and it is sure to draw crowded houses again to-day.

Four men arrested whilst attempting to carry out an armed robbery at a distillery at Kwai Chung village, Ghe Drinklers Bay, were committed to take their trial at the next Criminal Sessions by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Plans For Future Expansion.

DEGREE DAY, SPEECHES.

That an earnest endeavour to secure the allocation of a portion of the British share of the unexpired Buxton Indemnity for the further development of the University of Hong Kong has been occupying the attention of the University Council was apparent from the addresses delivered by the Chancellor (H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and the Vice-Chancellor (Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A.) at the 15th Congregation held at the Great Hall of the University yesterday afternoon.

Degrees in the Faculties of Medicine, Engineering and Arts were conferred by His Excellency upon over thirty graduates, including two ladies and the doctorate of medicine upon Dr. Phoon See-keung.

Tea was served, as is customary upon these occasions, upon the tennis courts to the west of the Great Hall, the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers (by kind permission of Lt.-Col. L. J. C. Gentry, C.M.G., D.S.O.) and the officers of the Regiment) rendering a selection of lively airs.

The assembly adjourned to the Great Hall at 5 o'clock for the formal opening of the Congregation.

The procession, members of which robed in the Vice-Chancellor's room, entered the hall to strains of Godfrey's "Grand Processional March," the scarlet robes of the doctors and multi-coloured academic hoods of the minor graduates presenting a striking contrast to the more sombre morning dress of the non-graduate members of the Court and Council of the University. H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., was in full dress uniform, whilst his Lordship Bishop Valentin wore his purple *cappa magna* and biretta.

The Procession.

The procession was composed as follows:—His Excellency the Chancellor, the Mace Bearer, The Vice-Chancellor and the Treasurer; The Dean, Faculty of Medicine; and the Dean, Faculty of Engineering; the Dean, Faculty of Arts and the Registrar; H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard and The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Valentin; The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and The Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp; The Hon. Mr. C. Mc. Messer and the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax; The Hon. Mr. H. T. Greasy and the Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock; The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow; His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood and the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe; The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kottewall; The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mr. A. E. Wood; Dr. W. B. A. Moore and Mr. G. M. Young; Mr. A. H. Barlow and Dr. R. M. Gibson; Dr. T. Sengwan and Sir Robert Ho Tung; Dr. R. Ponsonby Fane and Mr. Ho Kom-teng; Mr. Ho Kwong and Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin; Mr. M. P. Talat and Mr. Mok Kon-sang; Mr. Pung Ping-shan and Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith; Prof. W. Brown and Prof. H. H. Digby; Prof. H. G. Earle and Prof. C. Y. Wang; Prof. R. K. M. Simpson and Prof. L. Forster; Prof. M. H. Roffey and Prof. W. F. Faid; Prof. R. E. Tottenham and Mr. A. Cameron; Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mr. W. E. L. Shepton; Mr. W. H. Bell and Mr. F. A. Perry; Mr. J. H. Seth and Mr. A. H. Crook; Mr. W. L. Patterson and Mr. K. E. Greig; Mr. Chau Yue-ting and Mr. Li Yan-tsun; Mr. Li Yick-mui and Mr. Lo Chung-kue; Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Mr. Wong Kam-fuk; Mr. G. W. Keeton and Mr. H. G. Hughes; Dr. Lai Chi-hai and Dr. Au Tai-tin; Dr. A. H. Fenwick and Mr. D. W. Morley; Mr. F. H. J. Frayes and Mr. A. L. B. Hay; Mrs. James and Miss J. L. Vincent; Dr. D. J. Valentine and Dr. E. P. Minetti; Dr. C. W. McKenny and Dr. J. Morrison; Dr. J. R. Graig and Mr. A. McClay; Dr. R. J. Wong and Mr. A. Morris; Rev. H. A. Wittenbach and Dr. F. R. Ashton; Dr. S. Y. Wong and Dr. S. W. Phoon; Dr. D. K. Pillai and Mr. W. M. Gittins; Mr. Un Po and Mr. Yue Shu-chiu.

Vice-Chancellor's Speech.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice-Chancellor said:— Since this Congregation was last held the University has lost its first Honorary Treasurer. It would be superfluous for me to rehearse once more the incidents of Sir Paul Chater's amazing career. He was a generous benefactor of the University, and as such, his portrait adorns these walls. But Sir Paul was much more to the University than a mere contributor to its endowment, he was the University's faithful and ever watchful friend. That the University has been able to do as much as it has done with its utterly inadequate resources is due

largely to Sir Paul Chater's financial acumen. The rare art of successful investment was one of Sir Paul Chater's special gifts and he used this gift ungrudgingly in the service of the University. When Sir Paul died the University lost a generous patron and a constant friend and I frankly confess that for a time I was utterly at a loss as to where his successor could be found.

The Golden Bough.

Those of us who are old-fashioned enough to have read the "Aeneid" will remember that the Sybil told Aeneas, that while it was easy to get into Hell it was exceedingly difficult to get out of it. If he wanted to get out he must provide himself with a certain golden bough, and the peculiarity of the tree on which this golden bough grew was that just as soon as the first bough was torn away from the tree's trunk, another would appear equally golden. Having no head for figures, and being totally unacquainted with the depth of Mr. Lauder's pocket I am unable to say whether, in the glorious company of Hong Kong "taipans," his affluence is such as to merit the application to him of the epithet "golden." But Mr. Lauder has a heart of gold. He believes in the University, and strong in that faith he spares neither time nor labour in its service. What this enthusiastic devotion means to those whose task it is to keep the University's head above the waters of indebtedness, no one is better able to say than I am. I can only assure all those who are interested in this University that the debt which we already owe to Mr. Lauder is a heavy one and that I am daily adding to it.

Chinese Support.

Mr. Ho Fook was also a generous benefactor of this University and these walls bear testimony to this fact. Mr. Ho Fook was a man who had the respect of all the communities of this Colony. A strong and somewhat silent man he went on his own way, heeding but little the cries of the market place. We are proud to count Mr. Ho Fook amongst our benefactors. His son is sitting on this platform and to him we tender this testimony of the esteem and gratitude which is this University's due to his father. We can wish Mr. Ho Kwong nothing better than that in loyalty to this University as in all else he should be like unto his father. Mr. Holyoak was for years an official member of the Court. His enthusiasm for Hong Kong was the mainstay of his being and although a candid critic of this University's shortcomings, he extended to it the enthusiastic support of his wholehearted sympathy. Sick and harassed as he was during the last years of his life, he would come, often uninvited, to any meeting or ceremony at this University, which his presence could help. Those of us who had the privilege of his friendship will not easily forget the many small acts of gracious courtesy and consideration which came so easily from the kindly personality of Percy Hobson Holyoak.

Indemnity Delegation.

The year 1926 saw also the coming to China of the Chinese Indemnity Delegation—a courtly band on which two nations and both sexes were strikingly represented. I am not going to explain to you why the Delegation did not visit Hong Kong. This University never discusses politics and those who are sufficiently interested can read the delegates' explanation of their omission in this matter in the Delegation's now published Report. There can also be read the eulogy of the University's work which the Report contains, a eulogy which is all the more gratifying as being the record of a body, the majority of whose members had never been to the University's gates. I merely mention it in this passing and in order to explain that against the coming of the Delegation, the University took stock of its needs.

A £1,000,000 Need.

The result was the presentation to the Delegation of a bill which amounted to a little over £1,000,000. We have been given to understand when the question of the Buxton Indemnity had been previously discussed that this University was to be the pivot, so far at least as higher education was concerned, of the educational system which it was hoped that the Indemnity would subsidise. So we worked out our needs in full and the sum of £1,000,000 which I have just mentioned represents the additional capital which we require to carry out in full our programme of development.

Don't gasp, gentle listener, or think that we are insane. Universities are expensive things, but modern warfare is far more expensive, so also are domestic strikes and international boycotts. I have never had on our staff a full time teacher of Chinese. All this was, of course, hopelessly wrong. Accordingly, in the forefront

of the programme which we laid before the Indemnity Delegation we placed a scheme for a Chinese Faculty.

Chinese and Roman Law.

In seeking to establish a Chinese Faculty we have a three-fold aim in view. We must, of course, teach the Chinese classics but we do not propose to confine our efforts to the production of old-fashioned Chinese scholars. We reverence the old Chinese scholar but we realise that while the China of to-day and to-morrow cannot afford to look back, she can equally not afford to refrain from looking forward. We dream therefore of a comparative study of Chinese and western law, history, philosophy, literature and so many perhaps art. We have already outlined a scheme for the comparative study of Chinese and Roman law. It is only the miserable lack of a few paltry dollars which prevents us from making an immediate start with this most essential line of research.

Present Handicaps.

There are terrible gaps in our University Library. There are practically no English classics or standard books and I do not believe that there is a single Latin or Greek book. Our scientific periodicals and works of research are shockingly incomplete and this makes research work very difficult and indeed sometimes impossible. Our Professors, have too much routine teaching work and when a professor goes home on leave it is almost impossible to make effective arrangements for his work. This is unfair on the students. I am not mentioning these defects in the hope of an early remedy or to excite sympathy. As I said last year, we realise the financial difficulties of the moment and we can carry on, but it is a little hard to expect research work under these conditions and yet it is by the original work produced by its members that a University is judged by the other Universities of the world.

I am happy to be able to report that we have something to show to our credit even in the matter of research work. Our Professor of Anatomy has had papers published in the Journal of Anatomy. Our Professor of Surgery has had an important paper published in an American Journal of Surgery, and our Reader in Law and Politics has published papers in the Law Quarterly Review and other Law periodicals on the vexed question of Extraterritoriality in China. Only yesterday there reached me last November's issue of the Journal of Comparative Legislation and Law which contains an article by this same Reader on the "New Chinese Codes." But with all the goodwill in the world, it is a little hard to have to work in a University which is without books. Personally, I agree with Milton when he said, "Who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image, but who destroys a good book kills Reason, kills the image of God, as it were, in the eye. Many a man lives, a burden to the earth, but a good book is the precious life-blood of a Master Spirit embalm'd and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life."

A Chinese Faculty?

When the University was first founded it devoted its slender resources to medicine and engineering. There was from the beginning a Faculty of Arts, but it was supported for the first years of its difficult existence by the special contribution and guarantee of a generous and public-spirited Chinese gentleman. But it was always in the mind of Sir Frederick Lugard, as it was in the mind of Sir Charles Elliot, that this University should, as soon as possible, take up the comparative study of Chinese and western culture. Unforeseen events intervened. The Great War came and Sir Charles Elliot went away. The University got into financial difficulties and as a result the study of Chinese had to be relegated to a position of being a subject which might be taken as an alternative in one of the courses of the Arts Faculty, and that up to the intermediate stage only. We have never had on our staff a full time teacher of Chinese. All this was, of course, hopelessly wrong. Accordingly, in the forefront

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Lastly we want to establish a school of the Chinese language and we want that school not only to teach Chinese to those who are not Chinese by race but who are going to spend their working lives in China, but also to investigate that most pressing problem, how Chinese can be most effectively and expeditiously taught to those to whom it is not a mother tongue. In other words, we want our Chinese Faculty to include a Chinese language school and, situated as Hong Kong is at the gate of the Pacific, we decline to admit that we are merely building a fantastic air castle when, as we peer into the future, we see this school of the Hong Kong University standing as a monument to British statesmanship, a monument whose fame has spread throughout the civilised world.

A Comparison.

After all, what we want to do is now being attempted nowhere. What is in store for the island of Hong Kong lies on the lap of the gods who do not reveal their secrets, but so long as Hong Kong is the port of the Pacific, so long will there be a school of higher learning and research. It may seem impertinent to suggest that this University will outlive the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, but such at least is my conviction, if not my hope. But we wanted to make a beginning at once, and so in August last I ventured into the land of Goshen, I refer to the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States. Surely those well favoured lands would, out of their overflowing abundance, give something to our penury. So I set out accompanied by our genial colleague, Dr. Lai Chi Hsi, but when I got to Singapore I found that I was regarded as an unscrupulous robber of hen roosts; I was warned that the hens were not laying well and that the nests were carefully guarded. So I made up my mind to quit and had already lifted up mine eyes unto the hills of Java, thinking that there in some Hindu ruin I might find a place to bury my diminished head. But Dr. Lai came and comforted me and suggested that I should go with him to Kuala Lumpur and Penang.

F.M.S. Generosity.

I went, and though I never asked anyone for a cent I received spontaneous gifts amounting to no less than \$40,000. These gifts came from Mr. Chang Wing and Mr. Liew Weng Chee, both of Kuala Lumpur, and from the Executors of the Estate of the late Tye Kee Yoon of Penang. On the strength of this money, which is not enough to enable us to start a Chinese Faculty, we have made Dr. Lai and Dr. Au full time Chinese Readers, we have engaged a very efficient young Chinese, an ex-graduate of ours, as a translator. We are spending \$10,000 on a Chinese Library and we are now prepared to teach certain courses of Chinese classics up to the degree stage in the Faculty of Arts. Nor are we confining even our immediate efforts to the teaching of Chinese classics. His Excellency is sending the new cadets to us. We are engaging a Chinese teacher who has had experience in teaching the Chinese language to non-Chinese beginners, and the Rev. H. R. Wells of the London Mission has promised to give up gratuitously throughout the year all the time that he can spare from the duties imposed on him by his mission.

Chance for Young Men.

We do not want merely to teach cadets; we want young men who have just come out to commercial houses in Hong Kong to come to us, out of office hours, to join this University as external students, to become members of our Students' Union, to learn to know our students, to play games with us and to be friends with us generally. We British are essentially a conservative race. In 1852, Lord Palmerston thus addressed a political meeting at Tiverton: "In many parts of the continent if an inn-keeper wishes to recommend his inn, he hangs up a sign

of 'The New White Horse' or 'The New Golden Cross.' Here, gentlemen, a contrary course is pursued, and if the owner of a country ale house wishes to draw custom, he hangs up the old sign 'The Old Plough Revived.' I still consider myself a mere stranger in China. At any rate, who am I that I should advise? But surely the present condition of China cries aloud for the application generally of new ideas, and those ideas must surely be based on a better mutual understanding between the Chinese and those Britishers who sojourn among them.

We are casting our bread upon the waters. If, in this matter of Chinese study we get further support, we shall go on increasing our activities. If no support is forthcoming, we shall, after two years, have to close down all our activities in this direction. I cannot believe that this will be allowed to happen.

A Personal Note.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have on occasions been accused of cynicism but there is nothing cynical in my devotion to the University of Hong Kong. My last years in India were years of unceasing trouble and strife and when the opportunity of coming here offered, I took it, feeling that I had earned a little respite. But when I went to say good-bye to the Bengalee Minister of Education, he said, "You are going to China; perhaps you are going from frying pan into fire." And he was about right. But I am proud and glad to be here. The darker the storm clouds that loom on this Colony and on the fortunes of the British in China generally, the more do I cling to the conviction that this University can and should contribute something to a better and happier China. I am still childish enough to believe that much of what is good in British education and tradition can be strengthened and built into the fabric of Chinese National Life.

As one watches a child grow up and thinks of the infinite possibilities of human life, all this hatred and strife, all this vaunting and recrimination, all this misery and pain seem to be a dream—the earth spirit moving restlessly in his sleep. It all seems so futile, so unreal. Where then is reality to be found? As my mind formulates once again that eternal riddle, Hong Kong and China fade, and I am back again in India. But in this picture there is no Bengalee Minister. I see a river gliding softly through a wide plain and on its bank an aged and emaciated man with the sacred thread of the twice born looped over his right shoulder. The dawn is breaking and as he sits cross-legged and all alone he raises his clasped hands in adoration of the rising sun; his lips are moving, he is whispering to himself the ancient Sanskrit prayer, "Lead me from the unreal to the real; lead me from darkness to light; lead me from death to immortality."

The Degrees. The Deans of the Faculties of Medicine, Engineering and Arts then presented the following graduates upon whom His Excellency conferred degrees.

Doctor of Medicine.—Phoon See-keung, M.B., B.S.

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery:—Bau Tsu-zung, Chow Wei, Miss Eva Ho Tung, Jamshed Sorab Guzdar and Yeoh Cheung Hoe. In Absentia:—Kwong Shun Cheong and Tsang Fuk-cho.

Bachelor of Science in Engineering:—Chao Yu-chen, Yee Yuh-ho, and Yih Chong-yeh. In Absentia:—Ken Patt Kew and Chiao Hsin-ying.

Bachelor of Arts:—Chung Kok-tsun, Senzo Hachiuma, Hung Chi-po, Ju Tak-cheuk, Lai Pin-cheong, Lau Hok-tsun, Leung Fung-kee, Lo Tung-fan, Ng Ah-ow, Ng Bow-poo, Pun Shiu-lun, Carlos M. da Silva, Su Chiu-po, Wong Ping-ia, William A. Young Saye and Yuen Kwok-huen. In Absentia:—Herbert Norman Balhachet, Lam Kow-kwong, Khoo Beng-thuan, Lam Kow-kwong, Lee Choon-ang, Leong Hoo-yang and Miss Eleanor Thom.

Scholarship Winners.

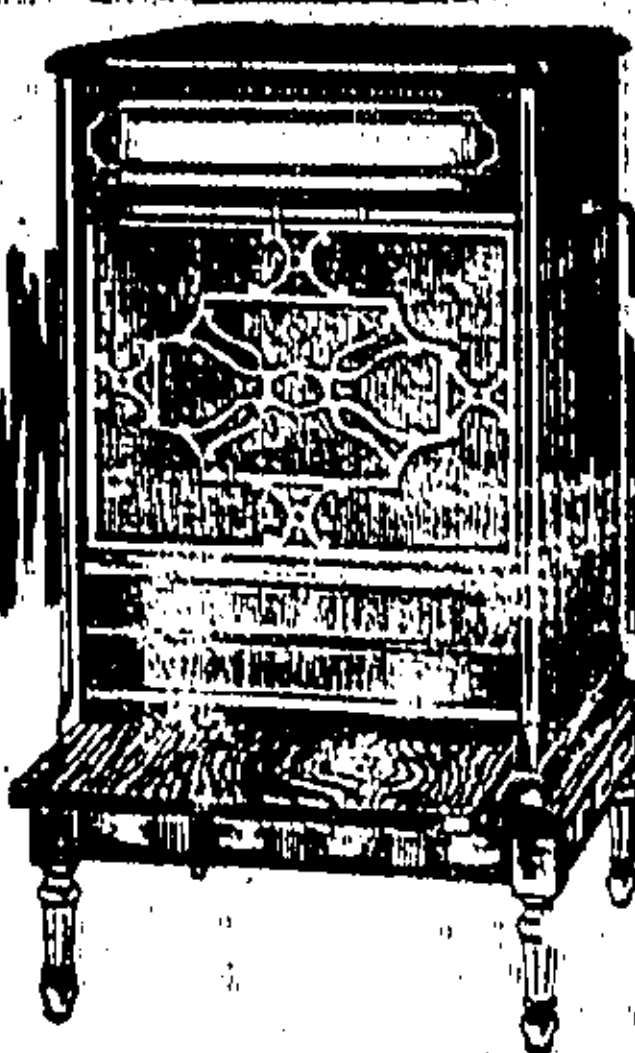
The Vice-Chancellor presented to His Excellency the following scholarship winners: Faculty of Medicine: Mr. Edward Wickham Jueyow, winner of the Ng Li Hing and Chan Kai Ming scholarships; Dr. Bau Tsu-zung, the Blake scholarship; Dr. Tsung Fat Im, the Jordan scholarship; Dr. Tsung Fat Im and Dr. Jamshed Sorab Guzdar, the Ho Fook scholarship. Faculty of Engineering: Mr. Chan Kai Chuen, the Chan Kai Ming scholarship; Mr. Lim Ko, the Ho Fook scholarship. Faculty of Arts: Mr. Cheung Wing Min, the Ho Fook scholarship; Mr. Lee Chin Lin, the Chan Kai Ming scholarship.

Chancellor's Address.

Addressing the Congregation, His Excellency the Chancellor dwelt upon the need for a common ground upon which all men

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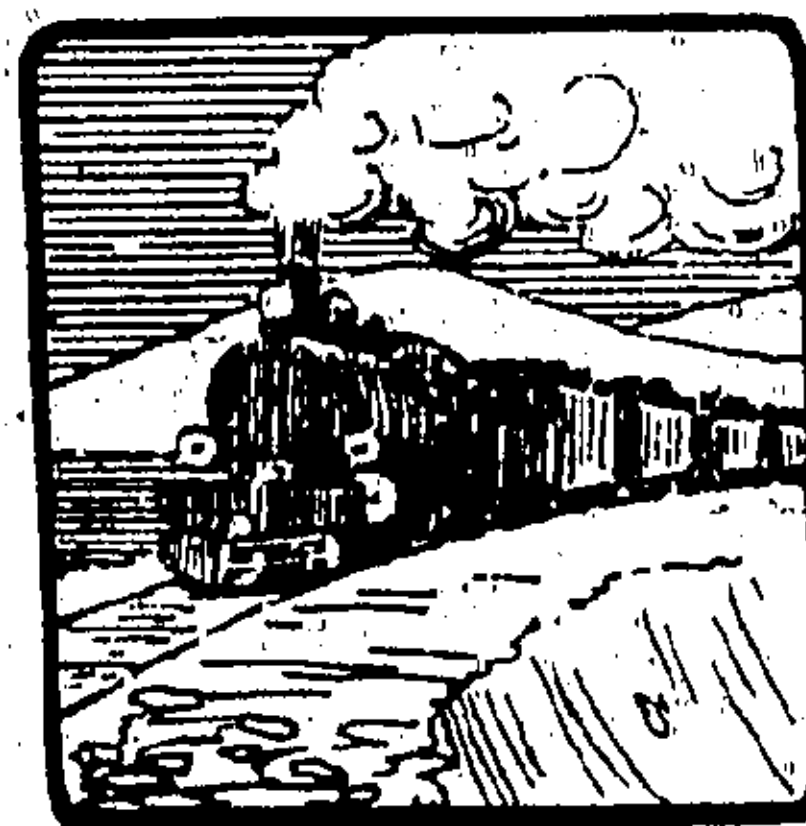
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

For carrying furniture in a private motor car, a Chinese was fined \$10 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. T. W. Ainsworth granted a confiscation order in respect of 38 revolvers which were recently found unclaimed in the storage quarters of the S.A. "President Grant."

In honour of the C.M.G. being bestowed on him, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D., is to be complimented at the Kam Ling restaurant to-night by the chairman and directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, the leading Chinese philanthropic institution in the Colony.

The aviator photographer who passed through Hong Kong last year, Mr. Peck, with the United States party, to record from Java the eclipse of the sun passed through the Colony again yesterday on the "President Grant" bound for Seattle.

It is not often that two concerts are staged in Hong Kong on the same night but such will be the case to-night. Local music lovers can choose between the Male Voice Choir at the Cathedral Hall at 9 p.m. and H.M.S. "Hawkins" party at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

The President, Vice-President and members of the Committee of the St. David's Society of Hong Kong were at home to members of the Welsh community yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall, an enjoyable two hours being spent by a representative gathering. After tea had been served an exhibition of dancing was given by little maidens attired in Welsh national dress. Enjoyable musical items were also rendered.

Usurers rarely get much change out of British courts at home, but a money-lender named Jacob Myers must have received a particularly nasty shock in the Westminster County Court recently. The case was of the usual sordid variety, the sum sued for being £16.8, considerably in excess of the amount borrowed. Judgment was given for Myers for the total amount, which probably pleased him—but accompanied by an order for repayment by monthly instalments of one shilling, which probably did not, in other words, the moneylender has to wait just over 27 years for the last shilling.

The Standard Oil Company of New York has issued an excellent memo book and calendar with a separate leaf for each day. Business men will find it most useful.

After warning a Chinese defendant that because a Fire Brigade car could pass a stationary tramcar it did not mean that he could do so, Mr. Schofield imposed a fine of \$5 at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.



When Gabriel Barre revisited the scene of the battle of Verdun, the horrors of the war came back to him and he became deranged.

Betty's fondness for visiting the stables had led to such an undesirable extension of her vocabulary that her mother pronounced a strict taboo. Finding the prohibition evaded the distressed parent called upon a church dignitary who was staying in the house to deal with the young offender. "Betty, my child," said he gravely, "I hear you have been visiting the stables again." Betty admitted the crime, but asked curiously, "Who told you?" "Ah," said he, "a little bird whispered it to me." For a moment Betty looked incredulous, then, with a shrug of the shoulders, said scornfully, "Oh, one of those d—sparrows, I suppose."

The latest official reports from Manila show that Christianity is making rapid strides in the Mountain Province, the last stronghold of Malay paganism in Luzon.

During the 24 hours ended on Tuesday the only case of notifiable disease reported in the Colony was from the city, the patient being a Chinese with enteric fever (typhoid).

Martial Law is still being enforced in Nantao and Chapel. Owing to the prohibition of traffic after 10 p.m. every night considerable inconvenience has been caused residents and merchants in those districts.

Following investigations into circumstances of an armed robbery at No. 218 Temple St., Yaumatei, the Yaumatei Police have effected the arrest of one suspect and recovered jewellery to the value of \$240. The man will be charged before the Kowloon Magistrate in due course.

THEOSOPHY.
The Usual Weekly Public Lecture will be given at the Hong Kong Lodge Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday Jan. 13th, at 6 p.m. Lecturer:—Dr. C. Craghill-Handy, F.T.S., F.O.S.E., Honolulu (subject to his timely arrival).—The Public is heartily invited to attend:—
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Included in the sale of porcelain and decorative objects of art at Messrs. Christie's on Dec. 14 was an interesting collection of 184 Chinese snuff bottles, mainly of the Kang-Hsi and Kien-Lung periods, formed by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, a barrister, of Hong Kong. This fetched \$189 (Spencer). A Chinese globular jar, enamelled with horses and emblems on green wave-pattern ground, Ming, realised 140 guineas (Mallett).

The local postage stamps of Hankow of thirty years ago is the subject of an article by Mr. Fred. J. Melville in the "Daily Telegraph." These stamps, he says, started an avalanche of new stamps from all the treaty ports, which resulted in philatelists setting up an organisation whose object was indicated in its alliterative title, the Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps. The Hankow stamps were withdrawn in 1896.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. J. Wattle of the P.W.D., with Mrs. Wattle and family, left London by the "Mantua" on Dec. 31 to return to Hong Kong on expiry of their holiday at home.

Coming out to Hong Kong by the "Kashgar" (which sailed from London on Dec. 16) are Major C. T. M. Smith, F.O.C. John, R. A. F. and Captain E. C. O. Thompson.

General freight agent in the Orient for the Canadian Pacific Co., Mr. J. G. McNab was a passenger on the "President Grant" which left Hong Kong yesterday for Shanghai.

Mr. H. J. Dicke of Messrs. Melchers Co. went to Shanghai yesterday on the "President Grant."

Mr. P. W. Cotton of the American Milk Products Co. sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Grant" for Shanghai.

On board the "President Grant" which left Hong Kong yesterday for Seattle are Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Foote who are going on to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Botelho were passengers on the "President Grant" which left yesterday for Shanghai. Lt.-Comdr. F. R. Porter was also on board.

Returning to Kobe after a visit to Australia are Mr. Windeyer and Miss Windeyer, who sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Grant."

At a luncheon in the Shanghai Club, the committee of St. Andrew's Society, silver quills were presented to Mr. W. M. MacLennan, Mr. A. Y. Tait, and Mr. C. E. Blaikie.

The following appointment was made by the Admiralty on Dec. 13:—Engr. Lieut.-Com. S. O. Frew, to "Dolphin," addl. temp., on relief, and to "Hawkins," amended orders (Jan. 1).

The many friends of Mr. "Billie" Gande will be pleased to learn that he has been successfully operated on for appendicitis at the Shanghai General Hospital and hopes to be about again within a few days.

Hon. secretary of Union Church at the time of going home on leave, Mr. E. E. Cubey of the Taikoo Dock will be back in the Colony towards the end of this month as he sailed from London on Dec. 31 on the "Mantua."

Formerly secretary of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, Mr. T. G. Bennett of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master (solicitors) left home just on New Year to catch the "Mantua" which sailed from London on Dec. 31. Mr. Bennett has been on the long leave.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McNeillie of Taikoo Dock, who went on home leave last year, sailed from London on Dec. 31 on the "Mantua" to return to Hong Kong.

Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, first clerk at the Colonial Secretariat, sailed from home on Dec. 31, on the "Mantua," to return to Hong Kong on expiry of leave.

Mr. A. S. Hersee of Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd. is returning to Hong Kong by the P. & O. "Mantua" which left London on Dec. 31. Mr. Hersee joined the boat at Marseilles.



WILLIAM BEEBE

William Beebe, has planned to explore the floor of the Atlantic in a steel cylinder.

Captain W. S. Turnbull of the Douglas S.S. Co. was a passenger on the Blue Funnel s.s. "Aeneas" which left Hong Kong yesterday for the United Kingdom via Singapore.

Mr. D. E. Clark of Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son is a passenger on the P. & O. "Mantua" which left London on Dec. 31. He is returning to Hong Kong from long leave and his services will again be available for the annual race meeting, as he is an official of the Jockey Club.

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quently call attention to themselves
when used with real charm and
make an otherwise colourless per-
sonality stand out merely because
of beautiful and gracious hands.Upon the stage and screen it is
particularly important that the ar-
tistes should possess lovely hands.
They are really beautiful in move-
ment and help the art of the player
to reach across the footlights or
through the medium of the silver
sheet.Corinne Griffith, whose appear-
ance is always marked by the care
she gives to details, possesses
really lovely hands. They are beau-
tiful in shape, being long and slender
with well shaped nails and
beautiful colouring. The skin is of
a delicate texture and is kept soft
and firm with creams and lotions.
Miss Griffith, in her latest First Na-
tional film, "Synecopate Sue," uses
her hands to great advantage and
gives expression to her emotions
through the medium of her hands.To those who have not been sup-
plied by nature with beautifully
shaped hands there are many things
that may be done to enhance what
ever good qualities they do possess.To begin with, there are exercises
which induce grace and flexibility.
To increase wrist flexibility, the
forearms should be held stiff at the
sides and the hands should be mov-
ed backward and forward. To re-
duce the size of the wrist, the arms
should be held firm at the sides and
the hands exercised in a twisting,
circular movement.The too-plump hand may be gen-
tly massaged to rid it of fat. Al-
ways move towards the finger-tips
rather than away from them. An
exercise which tends to increase
strength in the too fragile hand is
accomplished by gripping a folded
paper or rounded object firmly in
the hands. This must not be done
too constantly or it will make the
hands larger.Skin foods are important in ob-
taining white and delicate skins.
There are many excellent lotions
and creams on the market and it is
merely a question of finding onethat is suited to the particular
hands and then using it regularly.The nails, of course, are tremen-
dously important in creating a hand
that is lovely to behold. A weekly
manicure is desirable but the daily
care is more essential.At night an orangewood stick
should be covered with absorbent
cotton and dipped in cold cream
and lined around and under the
nail. This insures a half-moon and
no hang-nails. The cuticle should
be carefully pushed back with a
towel each time the hands are
washed and should never be
clipped. The nails, too, should be
carefully shaped with an emery
rather than steel file, and should
be washed with a brush and stains
may be removed with peroxide or
lemon.In shaping the nails, the finger-
tips should be considered and their
general outline followed. If they
are too blunt, a rounded tip may
show, but never a sharp point.The rozier tints may be worn at
night, but in the daytime a deli-
cately tinted nail is much more
desirable.

A MARRIAGE SUPERSTITION.

Writing in his parish magazine,
the Rev. A. Martyn Sanders, vicar
of East Twickenham, Middlesex,
says: "I find it necessary again to
urge intending brides and bride-
grooms to hear their banns called.
Recently, through no fault of mine
whatever, there was a painful illu-
stration of the 'ill luck' which may
accompany failure to do this. The
signed particulars given on the
banns form were incorrect. No
one who was personally con-
cerned attended church to
hear them called, and when I
issued my certificate the
vicar of the parish where the wed-
ding was to take place very pro-
perly rejected it—I should have
done the same myself—and the
parties were faced with the alter-
native of waiting another fifteen
days or of obtaining a licence at an
additional cost of £2 2s. I find it
very difficult to speak patiently of
the superstitious folly which says
it is 'unlucky' to hear your own
banns."

Period Frocks Remain.

The keynote of the mode is di-
versity. There are many silhou-
ettes which appear to beguile the
shopper for chic. New lines appear
in unexpected places. Waistlines
have a habit of changing places.
Skirt lengths vary. Flares either
appear or disappear to advantage.
Straight outlines are popular. Bo-
lero effects, the bloused outline,
the bouffant silhouette, the flutter-
ing panels and flounces—these all
are part of the new mode which
ushers in a wintertime of smart ap-
pearances.The evening mode is perhaps the
most varied. It receives all the
new lines with joy. It welcomes
the straight frock heavily and gor-
geously studded with brilliants. It
grooms with open arms the two-
piece formal frock of laces and vel-
vets. It pays special attention to
the fitted frock which moulds the
hips and flares at the hem. The
unusual and rather trying silhou-
ette that is puffed below the hips
is new and interesting and will be
widely worn. And the always youth-
ful and pleasing chiffon frock of
uneven panels and flounces is again
seen in startling shade both pastel
and daring. And, in many new
guises, it greets the bouffant frock
of formal outlines.There are many ways of intro-
ducing the period gown into the
mode. Last season saw the vogue
of taffeta period gowns stressed.
This season they appear in taffetas,
velvets, chiffons, laces, tulles
and brocade fabrics. There is a
little more distinction to the pres-
ent bouffant gown as it achieves
its unusual lines in many interest-
ing ways. Ostrich feathers—a fea-
ture of the season—are frequently
the means of obtaining unusual
lines.Doris Kenyon, whose role in the
First National film, "The Blonde
Saint," permits her the use of
many lovely gowns, wears a period
frock of tulle that is both youthful
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

A Carlsbad newspaper reports that the Czechoslovakian Ministry of Railways intends to propose that Messrs. Cook should open a branch tourist office in Prague.

University dons as low comedians were responsible for the most diverting moment in a revue performed at Cambridge by the Amateur Dramatic Club.

Over the whole of England and Wales the yield of potatoes per acre this year is only five and a half tons—one ton less than in 1925 the Ministry of Agriculture reports.

Nottingham County magistrates fined the Anglo-Scottish Sugar Beet Corporation £25 and £15 costs for polluting the river Trent by an effluent from their works at Colwick.

"Sandy, one of the monkey jazz band players which escaped from a yard at Latimer Road, W., recently, was seen in a wood yard near his temporary home, but an attempt to capture him failed.

An Armstrong Whitworth Argosy air liner, carrying 12 passengers en route from Paris to London, was forced to land in a disused aerodrome at Pluckley, near Ashford, Kent, owing to engine failure.

The National Union of Railwaymen's Executive has decided jointly with the two other railway unions to ask the railway companies for the early restoration of the guaranteed week for all grades involved.

Owing to a misunderstanding as to the hour, the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. Strong) did not arrive in time to conduct a confirmation service at Eton College chapel, and the Bishop of Buckingham officiated in his place.

Among latest purchases by the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, are a series of six skulls of the Pacific walrus from the Behring Straits, 102 specimens of mammals from Bolivia, and 450 Japanese shells.

Fined at Grimsby for having an inefficient silencer on his motor-cycle, a youth was stated to have told a constable: "I'm trying to attract the attention of my young lady. She knows the sounds and will come out."

The death has occurred at his home at Rochford, Essex, of Mr. George Conquest, "Junior," the comedian and animal impersonator, and member of the well-known family for so long associated with the Surrey Theatre, once the recognised home of melodrama for South Londoners.

At Dumbarton, near Glasgow, two deaths from typhus fever occurred, and three cases have been removed to hospital.

Trouble between two youths undergoing Borstal treatment at Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow, resulted in a fight, in the course of which one of them was stabbed.

In the Duke of Northumberland's lifeboat essay competition, the subject of which was "What qualities make a good lifeboatman," the challenge shield in the London district was won by Edward Waller, of Droop-street Boys' School, Paddington.

A horse's head containing several wounds was exhibited in London at a protest meeting held in connection with the export of worn-out horses to continental ports. A speaker told how the terror-stricken animal had been dealt a number of blows with a hammer and a poleaxe before it was killed at Antwerp, and described the traffic as a disgrace to civilisation.

Refusing an ex-Service smallholder leave to appeal against a decision which was stated to be manifestly right, Mr. Justice Roche warned the applicant that many people became crazy when they took to litigation. Upon being told by the applicant that he had read "Bleak House," the judge advised him to read it again. That, the judge added, would be a more profitable way of spending his time than coming to the courts.



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Two men were injured when a crane toppled over the side of a wharf into a barge at the works of the Standard Telephones and Cables, Ltd., at North Woolwich, E.

A South African "Labour M.P." says that the Nationalist-Labour coalition has been split from top to bottom over the Flag Bill, and many Labour men urge the withdrawal of the measure.

The first batch of tanks for the Polish Army to be manufactured from start to finish in Poland was solemnly dedicated by the Roman Catholic Bishop to the Forces at the Central Army Workshop in Warsaw.

The Court of Criminal Appeal reduced the sentence passed on Trevor Williams, aged 31, at Monmouthshire Sessions, for false pretences, from five years' penal servitude to 15 months' hard labour.

The Communists in the Danzig Parliament have seceded from the Chamber, stating that they will agitate for the rescue of Danzig from the League of Nations and for its union with Soviet Russia.

A telegram from Nice states that the policeman shot by Ballastro, who is suspected of the murder of a young Fascist, has succumbed. The police aboard a special-pursuing engine failed to catch the murderer.

The cause of death of a Manchester Ship Canal diver, Holmes Walton, aged 51, while carrying out repairs to the lock gates at Irlam was stated to be inexplicable, and the inquest was adjourned for a post-mortem.

A Berlin message states that with the object of proving that actresses are superfluous, the managers of a prominent theatre circuit have decided to ban them from the stage, beginning at the New Year. Their places will be taken by a male company.

The gallantry of the Rev. John Penrose, aged 72, who lost his life in attempting to save women from drowning at Ballycastle, Co. Antrim, on October 2, has been recognised by the Royal Humane Society, who have granted him a Posthumous Vellum Award.

Stating that he was recommending Parliament to reduce the subsidy on housing, Mr. N. Chamberlain said, in a speech at Palmer's green, that his purpose was not to check housing, but to bring down the cost. In his opinion, the subsidy was one of the factors that had kept up the cost of building.

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